

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page 1, after the Title, insert:

-- Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application is a Continuation-In-Part of copending Application Serial No. 09/935,901, filed August 23, 2001.--

On page 6, second full paragraph, line 3, after “1334 N” insert — or have a lap shear strength of about 4 MPa (megapascals), which is equivalent to about 600 pounds per square inch (psi), as determined by the Lap Shear Test. The Lap Shear Test is known and is described, for example, in U.S. Patents 6,613,816 and 6,239,250, incorporated herein by reference. The “1334N” value refers to a load when specimens are tested according to ASTM D1002 with a 322 mm² adhesively bonded area, except that HDPE is used as the substrate instead of the metal substrates.—

On page 2, under the heading “Summary of Invention” replace the first paragraph with the following paragraph:

“In a first aspect, the present invention is a fuel tank comprising two or more pieces or sections and an adhesive layer interposed between two adjacent pieces or sections, the adhesive having a lap shear strength of about 4 MPa (about 600 psi) and bonds to low energy surface materials without surface pretreatment of the low energy surface materials.”

The replacement paragraphs and another version of the replacement paragraphs marked up to show all changes made are enclosed.